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**CHARTER COMMISSION TO COMPLETE ITS WORK FOR THE  
NOVEMBER 2006 BALLOT**

**Wording and order of 12 ballot questions will be decided on Monday**

HONOLULU, HAWAII, August 25, 2006

The 2005-2006 Honolulu City Charter Commission will complete its preparations for the 2006 General Election ballot at a meeting on Monday, August 28, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room of Honolulu Hale.

The Commission will make its final decisions on the charter amendment text, wording of 12 ballot questions, and ordering of questions on the ballot. Recommended text, ballot questions, and ballot order is included the Style Committee report attached to the August 28 meeting agenda posted at <http://www.honolulu.gov/chc/agenda.htm>.

Commission Chair Donn Takaki said, "The Commissioners have spent the last year and a half considering ways to make the City run better. We've had many public meetings, in-depth discussions, and extensive testimony. The proposals were selected in May, and we spent the summer tackling the details of the charter text and ballot questions."

Chair Takaki continued, “Now we’re getting ready to present these measures to the voters. The Commission will finalize the twelve ballot questions on Monday, and then we ask every Honolulu voter to learn about the ballot questions and prepare to cast a thoughtful vote in November.”

Chair Takaki continued, “Mahalo to the many citizens, government leaders, and organization representatives who took the time to attend our meetings and provide valuable input. We encourage everyone to stay involved and help us get the word out to the voters during the next two months.”

**NEXT STEPS.** The Commission will send final amendment text, ballot questions, and ballot order to the City Clerk by September 1, 2006. In September and October, the Commission will carry out a public information program to educate voters on the proposals. On November 7, 2006, Honolulu voters will head to the polls and decide on the twelve ballot questions.

**LEARN ABOUT THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS.** Copies of all proposals are posted as PDF files on the Commission website, <http://www.honolulu.gov/chc>. Hard copies are also available for viewing at the Commission office at 711 Kapiolani Boulevard Suite 1485, or the Municipal Library in the City Council Annex at 558 S. King Street.

**ABOUT THE COMMISSION.** The Charter Commission is a 13-member appointed body responsible for revising the city charter, the governing document for the City & County of Honolulu. The convening of a Charter Commission provides a rare and important opportunity for major changes to city government. This is only the fourth Charter Commission convened since the adoption of the city charter in 1972.

For more information, visit the Charter Commission website at <http://www.honolulu.gov/chc> or contact the Commission staff at 592-8622 or [charter@honolulu.gov](mailto:charter@honolulu.gov).

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